

has helped bring both academic and athletic excellence to NDSU; and

Whereas the 2012 NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision title was a victory not only for the NDSU football team, but also for the entire State of North Dakota: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the North Dakota State University football team, the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision champions;

(2) commends the North Dakota State University players, coaches, and staff for their hard work and dedication; and

(3) recognizes the students, alumni, and loyal fans for supporting the Bison on their successful quest to capture another Division I trophy for North Dakota State University.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 33—COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

##### S. RES. 33

Whereas, in 1863, the State of Kansas founded the Kansas State Normal School to provide opportunities for higher education in the fields of teaching, mechanic arts, agriculture, and various other arts and sciences;

Whereas the Kansas State Normal School became the Kansas State Teachers College in 1923, Emporia Kansas State College in 1974, and Emporia State University in 1977;

Whereas Emporia State University has prepared thousands of teachers in the United States through its nationally acclaimed teacher education programs;

Whereas Emporia State University is the host of the National Teachers Hall of Fame, which recognizes and honors exceptional career educators from throughout the United States;

Whereas Emporia State University offers outstanding and highly accredited programs, including programs in education, business, and library and information management;

Whereas Emporia State University is the alma mater of more than 75,000 proud alumni; and

Whereas the quality of Emporia State University as an institution of higher learning is a reflection of the extraordinary caliber of its educational professionals and students: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes and extends its congratulations to the educational professionals, students, and alumni of Emporia State University for 150 years of excellence in higher education.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 34—COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

##### S. RES. 34

Whereas Kansas State University was established by the Territory of Kansas on February 9, 1858, as the Bluemont Central College Association, in response to the desire to provide higher education opportunities to farm families and working class individuals in Kansas;

Whereas on February 3, 1863, Kansas became one of the first States to accept the terms and conditions of the Act of July 2, 1862 (commonly known as the “First Morrill Act”) (7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), which created the land-grant system of colleges and universities;

Whereas Kansas State Agricultural College, which is known today as Kansas State University, received a land-grant charter on February 16, 1863, making it the first operational land-grant institution in the United States;

Whereas since the inception of Kansas State University, the university has expanded the main campus in Manhattan to include campuses in Olathe and Salina;

Whereas students attending Kansas State University hail from all 50 States and 90 countries;

Whereas more than 200,000 alumni are proud to call Kansas State University their alma mater;

Whereas the commitment of Kansas State University to education is unparalleled; and

Whereas the history and stature of Kansas State University are secured by the exceptional caliber of the educational professionals and students: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes and congratulates Kansas State University for 150 years of fulfilling the mission of a land-grant university.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 3 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during

the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “Solutions to the Crisis Facing the U.S. Postal Service.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 13, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Comprehensive Immigration Reform.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on February 13, 2013, at 3:15 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Judicial Nominations.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 13, 2013, at 4 p.m. in room 432 of the Russell Senate Office building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Brian Huysman and Melissa Duru, fellows in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for this session of the 113th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration en bloc of the following resolutions which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 31, S. Res. 32, S. Res. 33, and S. Res. 34.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. I ask unanimous consent the resolutions by agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to the resolutions be printed in the RECORD.